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Regularization of the services of Gazetted Officers.

* 2854 Q.—Sri T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri K. P. Gopalan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the services of a large number of Gazetted Officers in Educational, Revenue, Police and other departments in the State have not been regularized for a very long period as a result of which the officers concerned have not been able to draw any increment in their salaries; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor.

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM: (a) Yes.

(b) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

Chanks and pearl-fishing.

* 2855 Q.—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether any amount is due from the Government of Bengal on account of the sale of chanks; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to recover it.

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (a) Yes. A sum of Rs. 2,472-1-10 being the sales tax amount on the value of chanks of 1945-46 season supplied to the Government of undivided Bengal is due to this Government.

(b) The question of recovery of the amount due from the Government of West Bengal is under correspondence with that Government and they have been specially requested for an early settlement of the dues.

Chanks and pearl-fishing.

* 2856 Q.—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the income derived by the Government from pearl-fishing in the State in 1955?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: The total receipts on account of the Pearl-Fishing Operations in 1955 were Rupees 1,46,138-5-3.

Medical van in Nattika firka.

* 2857 Q.—Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state how long the Government propose to station the Medical Van in Nattika firka in Ponnani taluk to combat the spread of dysentery in that firka? 9-20 a.m.

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY: The mobile medical van was stationed in the Nattika firka from 1st June 1955 to 14th August 1955 to combat the spread of dysentery.

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[a] Printed as Appendix on page 506 infra.